

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A resolution announcing a collaborative partnership between the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Louisville Metro Council in support of the Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement (BEAM) to transform the Bluegrass into a hub for advanced manufacturing.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and the Louisville Metro Council are committed to creating high-quality jobs for Kentuckians and increasing export activity by positioning Kentucky as a global center of excellence in advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the Super-Region Concept includes 55% of Kentucky's total population, and Louisville and Lexington represent 44.2% of Kentucky's GDP; and

WHEREAS, Ford, Toyota, General Electric, Raytheon, Lexmark and Lockheed Martin employ more than 95,000 in the region and have both a direct and indirect economic impact on supply chains, retail and commercial development and housing; and

WHEREAS, the Bluegrass Economic Advancement Movement (BEAM) is an innovative economic development partnership initiated by the Mayors of Lexington and Louisville to develop a regional business plan focused on advanced manufacturing; and

WHEREAS Jefferson, Fayette, twenty-seven other Kentucky Counties and four Indiana Counties are included in the Super-Region, the tax revenue-generating effects will ultimately benefit every family in every Kentucky County; and

WHEREAS over the next 18 months an initiative will be developed to identify the regions authentic assets, central location and quality workforce; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
LEXINGTON-FAYTEE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That, as Mayor Greg Fischer and Mayor Jim Gray will, with their
respective cities, focus a concentrated effort on transforming the Bluegrass into a hub for
advanced manufacturing, the Louisville Metro Council and Lexington-Fayette Urban
County Government hereby extend our support in this critical endeavor and in forging a
successful and cooperative partnership.

Section 2 – That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its
passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

Submitted by JB 11/1/11 TO VM Linda Gorton